



Buildings and Grounds Facility



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Q. What does Buildings and Grounds staff do?

A. This department is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Town's facilities and other assets. This includes parks, road shoulders and medians facilities, and other infrastructure. The maintenance responsibilities and needs have grown exponentially over the past few years with the growth of the Town itself.

Q. Why do we need a new facility?

A. The current location at the corner of Lawrence and Boundary Streets was built in the 1950's and is in extensive disrepair. It is nearly impossible to upgrade the building due to its cinder block construction; the leaking roof and needed plumbing upgrades make it further inefficient to spend tax dollars for repair. Other locations around Town are used to store equipment and supplies. The new building will consolidate all of these locations allowing for more efficiency in serving the needs of residents.

Q. Where will the new facility be built?

A. The new facility is being constructed at 2 Recreation Court, which is the entry road to Oscar Frazier Park. It will be located in the far corner away from ball fields, playground, and other park amenities. This location was selected because the Town owns the land and it is convenient to Old Town and newer parts of Town via the Bluffton Parkway.

Q. What will the facility look like?

A. The facility is being built on 1.1 acres and will consist of a 3500 square foot metal building with a front porch. The body will be brown with a green roof and will meet the building code to withstand a category 3 hurricane. The new site will have a work shop, fenced in service yard, office space and much needed storage space. Additionally, extensive landscape will surround the site screening it from the adjacent neighborhood.

Q. How much will the facility cost and how will it be paid for?

Arnold Building System was selected for the design/build contract from a total of 8 team submittals. Michel Griffith is the architect and Ward Edwards is the civil engineer. The contract for the facility construction is \$383,239.00. The project has been in the Town's CIP program for 4 years and will be funded through Tax Increment Fund bonds, Capital Leases, Municipal Development Improvement Fees and land sale.

Q. What is the project's schedule?

Site preparation began in April. A groundbreaking ceremony was held May 19, 2010. Erection of the steel frame building is scheduled to begin mid-June. The project is scheduled to be completed by early September.



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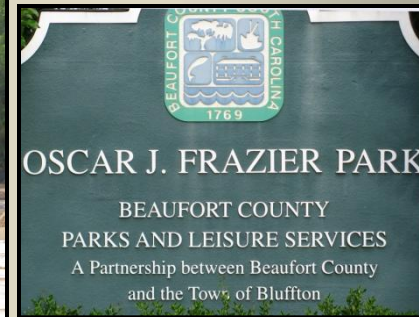
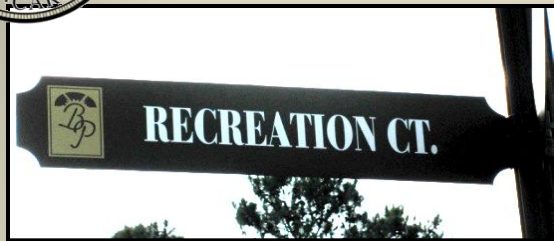
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